### RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2625

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### PATENT APPLICATION

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:       |                   | ) |                             |
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|                             |                   | : | Examiner: James A. Thompson |
| Hiroshi NOBUTA, et al.      |                   | ) |                             |
|                             |                   | : | Group Art Unit: 2625        |
| Application No.: 08/579,733 |                   | ) |                             |
|                             |                   | : | Confirmation No.: 4611      |
| Filed: December 28, 1995    |                   | ) |                             |
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| For:                        | IMAGE PROCESSING  | ) |                             |
|                             | DEVICE AND METHOD | : | March 22, 2007              |
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# AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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# Introductory Comments

In response to the final Official Action dated January 24, 2007, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: